

claimed in claim 45 wherein the low dielectric constant material of the side-walls has an effective dielectric constant of approximately 2.5.

49-51 (Canceled)

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendment and reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-7, 28-33, and 37-51 are presently in the appeal.

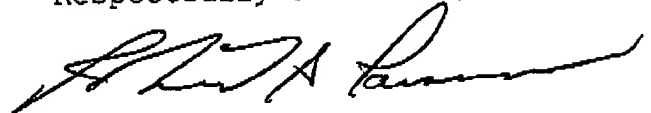
Claims 45 thru 48 have been allowed. Claims 3, 38 thru 40, 43, and 44 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In the amendment filed 4/22/05, claims 1, 37, and 43, were amended to include all of the limitations of claims 3, 38, and 37, respectively (the rejected base claims). However, claim 39 was simply amended (i.e. the dependence was changed), rather than placing it in independent form. By this amendment, claim 39 is placed in independent form by including all of the limitations of claim 37. None of the other dependent claims were amended and, therefore, do not have to be placed in independent form, since 37 CFR 41.33 (2) only requires that amendments

made after a brief is filed place claims in independent form. Therefore, this amendment now places the application in compliance with 37 CFR 41.33 (2).

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 37, and 39-48 are presently in the application. No additional fee is required for these claims since applicant initially paid for 36 claims and five independent claims.

Should there be any questions or remaining issues regarding the foregoing, Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney for a speedy resolution.

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